AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph [0042] starting on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] A common element manager 67 operably couples (using, for example, the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) standard network device management protocol) to various of the above noted elements including, in this illustrative embodiment, the SIP proxy 61, the push-to-talk server ~~session manager~~ 66a, the authentication server 62, and the directory server 63. So configured, the common element manager can effect management of essentially all system components with the exception of the database(s) 65 and the provision server 64.

[0046] So configured, various wireless push-to-talk clients 68 can communicate via a radio access network 69 (as are well understood in the art) with the SIP proxy 61 (via, for example, an SIP/SIMPLE protocol that may also support compression as desired) and the push-to-talk server ~~media processor~~ 66d (via, for example, the Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP) which again may be compressed as desired).